

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims so that the claims read as follows.

Claim 1 (Canceled).

Claim 2 (Previously Presented): A method for recording a recording track and a pit positioned between recording tracks comprising the steps of:

rotating a disc;

recording the recording track by irradiating a beam directly from a single electron optical system onto the disc;

deflecting the beam in a radial direction to a position where a pit is to be formed when the beam reaches a predetermined position on the disc;

recording the pit by irradiating the beam on the disc;

deflecting the beam in a tangential direction; and

deflecting the beam back to the position of the disc where the deflection from the recording of the recording track to the recording of the pit takes place when the beam reaches a predetermined position on the disc.

Claims 3-7 (Canceled).

Claim 8 (Previously Presented): The information recording medium according to claim 2 wherein the deflecting of the beam is at a position where a distance between a recorded track position and pit position is closest.

Claim 9 (Previously Presented) The information recording method according to claim 2 wherein when a prepit is formed, the beam is deflected toward a revolution direction.